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SUBJECT: PIRATE-SUSPECT TRANSFER AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 08259

¶1. (SBU) Reftel asked Post at its discretion to approach the government of Mauritius regarding a possible bilateral MOU with the U.S. on piracy transfer/prosecution. Reftel also asked Post to provide the names and contact information for appropriate lawyers in the GOM so that L might begin direct contact with the individuals.

¶2. (SBU) We have discussed the matter with Foreign Minister Arvin Boolell, who recommended that the Solicitor General, Assistant Solicitor General and Director for Public Prosecutions would be the appropriate individuals within the GOM. However, Boolell asked that the Embassy draft a diplomatic note on the matter before any contact takes place so that the GOM officials might be informed of the matter through the appropriate channels and a response then provided to the Embassy. The Embassy has drafted the diplomatic note and will inform L once the response is received and the time is thus appropriate for L to make contact with GOM counterparts.

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